

the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-409. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Nonconforming Vehicles Decided to be Eligible for Importation" (Docket No. NHTSA-2010-0125) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-410. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suppression of Rev. Proc. 2008-52 and Modification of Rev. Proc. 97-27, Procedures for Automatic and Non-Automatic Changes in Method of Accounting" (Rev. Proc. 2011-14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-411. A joint communication from the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the National Commission on Children and Disasters, transmitting a report relative to funding the establishment of a National Resource and Information Center on Children and Disasters; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-412. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a performance report relative to the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-413. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Animal Drug User Fee Act for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-414. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-48; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-415. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of Homeland Security in the position of Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-416. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to privacy and security concerns relating to electronically filed documents in the federal courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-1. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York urging Congress to pass the Livable Communities Act of 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## RESOLUTION No. 624

Whereas, the Rockland County Legislature agrees that demographic trends support the need for cooperation in land use planning and the development of housing and transportation. The population of the United States will grow from approximately 307,000,000 people to approximately 439,000,000 people during the period between 2009 and 2050, an increase of more than 40 percent; and

Whereas, the Energy Information Administration of the Department of Energy forecasts that driving will increase 59 percent between 2005 and 2030, far outpacing the projected 23 percent increase in population; and

Whereas, demographers estimate that as much as 30 percent of current demand for housing is for housing in dense, walkable, mixed-use communities, and that less than 2 percent of new housing is in this category; and

Whereas, people who live in areas of compact development (where housing, shopping, jobs, and public transportation are in close proximity) drive 20 to 40 percent less than people who live in average development patterns in the United States; and

Whereas, transportation accounts for 70 percent of the oil consumed in the United States and nearly 1/3 of carbon emissions in the United States come from the transportation sector. Reducing the growth of the number of miles driven and providing transportation alternatives through good planning and sustainable development is a necessary part of the energy independence and climate change strategies of the United States; and

Whereas, a number of studies, reports, and articles by organizations including the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Association of Realtors, and the Transit Cooperative Research Project have found that one of the keys to revitalizing and maintaining the character of town centers and preserving surrounding agricultural land in small and rural communities is to prevent commercial and residential development on the outskirts of town, by promoting integrated housing, economic, and transportation development in town centers; and

Whereas, funding for integrated housing, transportation, energy, environmental, and economic development and other land use planning efforts at the local and regional levels is necessary to provide for sustainable development and smart growth, and

Whereas, the Livable Communities Act of 2010 would provide funding and support services to help municipalities make smart planning decisions by:

1. facilitating and improving the coordination of housing, community development, transportation, energy, and environmental policy in the United States;

2. encouraging regional planning for livable communities and the adoption of sustainable development techniques, including transit-oriented development;

3. providing a variety of safe, reliable transportation choices, with special emphasis on public transportation and complete streets, in order to reduce traffic congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, and dependence on foreign oil;

4. providing affordable, energy-efficient, and location-efficient housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, races, and ethnicities, and making the combined costs of housing and transportation more affordable to families;

5. promoting economic development and competitiveness by connecting the housing and employment locations of workers, reducing traffic congestion, and providing families with access to essential services;

6. supporting public health and improving quality of life for the residents of and work-

ers in communities by promoting healthy, walkable neighborhoods, access to green space, and the mobility to pursue greater opportunities,

and  
Whereas, to accomplish these goals, the Livable Communities Act of 2010 would establish the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, the Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities, a Comprehensive Planning Grant Program, and a Sustainability Challenge Grant Program; and

Whereas, the Planning and Public Works Committee has met, considered and by a vote of four ayes, two nays and one absent, approved this resolution; Now therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby requests that the United States Senate and House of Representatives pass bills S. 1619 and H.R. 4690—the Livable Communities Act of 2010, and that the President of United States sign such legislation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Clerk to the Legislature be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Hon. Barack H. Obama, President of the United States; Hon. Charles E. Schumer and Hon. Kirsten E. Gillibrand, United States Senators; Hon. Eliot Engel, Hon. Nita Lowey and Hon. Nan Hayworth, Members of the United States Congress; the President Pro Tem of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and House of Representatives; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

POM-2. A message from the Executive Director, The Privacy Projects, transmitting, a report relative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Privacy Guidelines; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. 255. A bill to require the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation to use dynamic economic modeling in addition to static economic modeling in the preparation of budgetary estimates of proposed changes in Federal revenue law; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 256. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for equity investments in small business concerns; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 257. A bill to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 258. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate oil and gas company preferences; to the Committee on Finance.